

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Status

Claims 1-34 were pending. Claims 1-7 have been canceled. Claims 8, 11, 13 and 14 have been amended. Claims 8-34 are now pending.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 112

The examiner rejected claims 8-18 under 35 USC § 112 2nd paragraph as being indefinite. In particular, the examiner objected to the use of quotes around the phrase "L-shaped". Applicants have accordingly amended these claims to remove these quotes. Applicants respectfully submit that the claim scope now satisfies the requirements of 112 2nd paragraph.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 102, 103

The examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,438,437 ("Burgmyer"), and further rejected claims 3 and 6 under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over Burgmyer. Applicants have canceled these claims to expedite prosecution, but reserve the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application.

Allowable Subject Matter

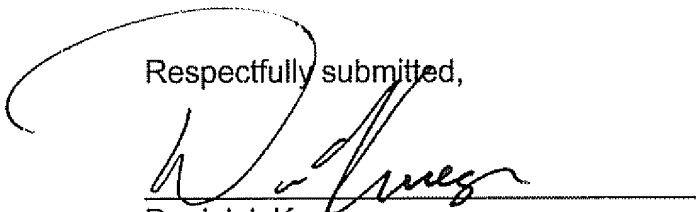
The examiner indicated that claims 8-18 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112. Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are now in condition for allowance.

The examiner further indicated that claims 19-34 are allowed.

Conclusion

Applicants hereby petition for any time extensions that are necessary to prevent this case from being abandoned. In the event that additional fees related to this amendment, or other transactions in this case, are required (including fees for net addition of claims and for time extension), the Examiner is authorized to charge Texas Instruments Inc.'s Deposit Account No. 20-0668 for such fees.

Respectfully submitted,



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